

**Regular Meeting of the North Blaine County Fire District in the Council
Chambers – 81 Elkhorn Road, Sun Valley, ID
June 8th, 2022, at 10:00 AM.**

Chairman Gray – Present in person.
Commissioner Michael – Present in person.
Commissioner Engelmann – Present in person.

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Approval of the June 2022 Claims*.

Commissioner Michael commented that we are three quarters into the fiscal year, and Jocelin presented a brief snapshot of where we are in regards to our FY 2022 budget. We are doing well, having used approximately \$300K of a \$676K budget. We know that we have our second semi-annual payment \$150K to the City of Sun Valley coming up, as well as our annual payment for the new pumper tender in August. At this time our budget is looking fiscally sound.

Chairman Gray asked if costs for the new greenhorn housing are coming out of the \$600K committed by the District and the City, and Jocelin responded that at this time those costs are still coming out of the District's \$50K line item 10-425-631 for the Greenhorn Housing Project. In a couple of months, we will do an amended budget that includes the \$300K we have dedicated to the project. Because we do not have a joint fund set up for the \$600K, we can work on submitting our already paid Greenhorn Housing bills to the City for 50% reimbursement at a later date. More details of this will be discussed later in the meeting.

MOTION:

Commissioner Michael moved to approve the June 8, 2022, claims; seconded by Commissioner Engelman. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann

NAYS: None

4. Approval of the May 11, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes*.

MOTION

Commissioner Engelmann moved to approve the May 11th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Michael. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann

NAYS: None

5. Report: Monthly Update – North Blaine County Fire District Chief, Rich Bauer.

Good morning, it's good to see everyone here. Chief Robrahn is in Australia for the month of June for a much-deserved break. The new Pumper Tender has been delivered to Meridian. Tomorrow Chief Bauer and Lt Storey will go do a final inspection on the pumper tender, after its drive over from Wisconsin. Barring any major issues, it will be brought to Elkhorn Station tomorrow, where it will stay for a few weeks as we get it equipped to put into service, and train our firefighters on how to use it. Then it will go to Greenhorn Station for six months to get driven more frequently than it would at Griffin Butte, so we can detect any potential problems with it while it is still under warranty. We are really excited about this, and thank you to the commissioners for their support on acquiring this apparatus for the district. Chairman Gray asked Chief Bauer if we might be able to get a photo of the engine upon delivery, with firefighters and commissioners, to use in our advertising for the new Greenhorn housing? Chief Bauer said absolutely, and he was thinking of doing some sort of ceremony in July once it's in service.

Ketchum Fire Department has taken their ambulance from the Greenhorn Fire Station, moving it to Ketchum Station #1. Chief Bauer thinks that the strategic placement of that ambulance at Greenhorn was more important than moving it to Ketchum, a quick move based on very limited data. Chairman Gray comments that he was unhappy with how sudden that all seemed to be. He asked what do we need to do to have a piece of equipment mid-valley to respond to medical emergencies.

Chief Bauer answered that on June 16 at 1:30 pm, the Sun Valley Fire Department is requesting \$360K of funding from the Ambulance District, for 3 more paramedic level employees and ALS level engine staffing. We want to be able to provide 24/7 paramedic coverage benefitting both the City of Sun Valley and the District. The request covers some of the equipment, such as a cardiac monitor, intubation equipment, etc. We do not currently have a contract with the County to provide EMS, which is what we need, along with this funding, to start an ALS response.

Chairman Gray asked if there is enough money in that request to staff ALS responses out of the City of Sun Valley. Chief Bauer answered yes, if we receive the funding, the ALS response will come out of Elkhorn Station. Chairman Gray then asked if we are looking to equip any of the engines at Greenhorn, and Chief Bauer explained that the request only covers starting with ALS from Elkhorn at this time. This is the first step in trying to place paramedics more strategically throughout the Valley.

Commissioner Michael asked if there any Sun Valley residents writing letters of support for this? Based on her past experience with the Blaine County Commissioners, having local citizens at the meeting to show their support can be very helpful. Chairman Gray commented that getting people writing in from Mid-valley would also be helpful, because Elkhorn Station is closer to East Fork and Gimlet than Ketchum is.

Commissioner Engelmann asked Chief Bauer if he has an opinion of how he thinks the Commission will respond? Chief Bauer said that he does not think that they will approve the funding at this time, but is still optimistic that they might. We have to try and do what's best for our citizens. Sun Valley is the only city in the Valley without an ambulance, and we want to transition to being able to offer at least an ALS engine response. ALS engine responses are used across the country including the city of Boise. With a better distribution of resources, we are also able to assist and help other departments. These steps

contribute to our master plan if responding out of the strategically located Greenhorn Station.

Commissioner Michael commented that she thinks the Elkhorn Homeowners' Association could potentially offer a letter of support for this project. The City of Sun Valley has the largest events of the summer, with older people, and this should be an important factor in asking for the money. Next week is pretty soon, but in the future, getting these letters of support will be a great asset to funding requests. Chairman Gray agrees, saying we should still try and gather this support this year from groups such as the Sun Valley Symphony and the Writer's Conference. Chief Bauer added that we applied for a SAFER grant for additional personal last year, and explained our plan to have an ALS engine in the City. We reapplied this year, and are waiting to hear on that. There are a lot of pieces in the works for this, although adding in anything else before next week would be difficult.

Chief Bauer asked if the commissioners had any further questions for him, and Chairman Gray commented that he thinks we should have an equipped engine at Greenhorn Station, and Commissioner Engelmann agrees. Chief Bauer responded that he agrees as well, and this is something for the future. We have our plan to get things started, should we be awarded this money. If we are not awarded the money we will have to work on updating our plan. We are asking for \$38,900 to equip one engine. We need the blessing of the ambulance district to respond in an ALS manner, so if they do not approve our request this year there is not a plan B to make an ALS response happen. Commissioner Gray responded by asking how it's possible that we cannot respond to the citizens of our own district without the okay of the Ambulance District. He's appalled that we cannot provide EMS services for our citizens that pay a heck of a lot in taxes. Chief Bauer explained that the City of Sun Valley has just signed new a cooperative agreement with the City of Ketchum to provide EMS services in the City of Sun Valley. Agreement covers the process of integrated care, such as how to transport, respond, train, etc. This is all a function of the ambulance district. The positive side of all of this is that at least we do have a seat at the table. We are trying to get our foot in the door with this proposal, and get paid for what we do by the AD, just like everyone else that has a contract with them.

Chairman Gray says he has attended some of the Ambulance District Meetings, and we do not seem to be making progress in increasing the safety of citizens of Sun Valley or the District. They seem to calmly ignore our requests. Commissioner asked what are medical response call numbers from Sun Valley, Ketchum (not including calls from Baldy), and the District? We need this data to have evidence for what we are trying to complete. Chief Bauer says those numbers are available and in the AD Strategic Plan, but does not know numbers off the top of his head. We need 3-5 years of good data for a decision, and the data is questionable right now. We are doing the best that we can to get this seat at the table and get into this all. Whatever the decision of the ambulance district is, we know that SVFD and NBCFD are going to continue working towards providing the best possible services we can to our citizens with the restrictions that are in place. Chairman Gray agrees with Commissioner Michael, we need data from the City of Sun Valley and the District, since most of the services are all coming from one place. The Commissioners know that Chief Bauer, Chief Robrahn, and Walt are working as hard as they can on this. It is easy for the County to turn their backs to us, and it is difficult to get their attention, and it is hard to decide how to continue asking without making things tense. Commissioner Engelmann asked when we expect to hear a response from the AD, and Chief Bauer thinks we will have a response in July.

After concluding conversations on this topic, Chief Bauer would like to recognize the departments staff – our duty staff and those that live at the stations -and all they are accomplishing. The crews are testing and maintaining the rural water supply, and improving our system of how we test. We have been mapping out where cisterns are located, and flow testing fire hydrants. These water maintenance projects have been mainly led by Lt. Hunter Storey, so a big thank you to him for that. We are also very thankful to Lt. Slater Storey for all of the maintenance work he does on our vehicles; he is almost finished working on annual fleet maintenance. He recently went to a week-long extensive training class with Pierce, the manufacturer of most of our apparatus. He is great at maintaining the vehicles and has a new protocol in place to track the maintenance of each one. This is a great improvement for our maintenance protocols in the past.

Commissioner Engelmann comments that he appreciates Chief Bauer forwarded the photos and video of new apparatus. It looks great, but he noticed that all compartments were empty. Do we have supplies to equip the engine? Chief Bauer answered that the engine will be partially outfitted with supplies from donated Tanker 2, and now reserve Engine 21 at Greenhorn. It's common to have a reserve engine, and especially important right now with supply chain problems causing repairs to be so slow. The capital expenditures line of the budget was also increased for this fiscal year have budget to buy supplies for this engine.

In continuing to recognize our staff accomplishments, most staff have been taking extra training this spring. Recently there was a Technical Ropes Rescue course that Sarah Driggs, Katelyn Berman, Julie Youngblood, Nate Galpin all completed. Matt Hansen took a Live Fire Training course through the Eastern Idaho Fire Academy, to train new cadets on live fire scenarios. Marshal Mabley (Greenhorn live-in), Ricky Williams (Greenhorn Live-In and FT FF), and Nate Galpin (Greenhorn Squad Leader) all attended officer training in Kennewick, Washington. Sarah Driggs, Matt Hall, and Sarah Flower are on call staff that completed EMT class. Katelyn Berman started her paramedic class. Dustin Driggs, Sarah Flower, and Marcus Lobato just completed firefighter academy, and still need to test. Chief Bauer wanted to make sure recognize all of the staff working hard to better protect our citizens. Chairman Gray asked Chief Bauer to please extend the commission's thanks to all of these staff members, this is all terrific.

In closing his report Chief Bauer said that we have a lot going on, but are crews are working so hard, and great things are happening. We are taking delivery of a brand new apparatus, and our relationship with the City of Sun Valley has been incredible. Thank you to the Mayor and Walt Femling, the City Council, and of course our Board of Fire Commissioners their continued support.

Chairman Gray asked the other commissioners, do they think it would be worth putting an ad in the paper publicly thanking the previously named staff members? Many people still do not know the name of the District. Every chance we get for good PR is great for our name and our future, especially as we start a fundraising campaign for \$2.65 million. Commissioner Engelmann agrees, the more name recognition we can get, the better. Commissioner Michael commented that it is something that also be used for our Greenhorn Fundraising campaign. Chief Bauer responded it is important to recognize these responders, and he wanted to do it at a public meeting to recognize them publicly. We have to keep them in our community, which is why the housing is so important. Commissioner Michael asked if

pictures are getting taken during training and posted on social media? Chief Bauer answered that we have Instagram though SVFD that we post on pretty actively. Chairman Gray would like to see a thank you article in the paper for the staff maybe by the 4th of July issue. Commissioner Michael thinks that taking out just one add could be not very effective, but Chairman Gray thinks that it would be a good start since we will then be purchasing ads for the Greenhorn fundraising. Chief Bauer added that we would like to plan a formal dedication ceremony for the new Apparatus with the press present, and can tie that in with fundraising as well. Commissioner Engelmann commented that doing just a one-time ad may not be as effective as we'd like, because it's there and gone. It needs to be a coordinated effort. Chairman Gray responded that we have to get started somewhere. It would be great to get something in the paper for 4th of July. We need the name recognition. He wants a large ad in the paper, with photos of the new engine and our staff. Jocelin added there was a half-page article in the paper last month about the project, Chairman Gray explained that he thought the article focused mostly on the City sponsoring the project, with little mention of the District.

6. Update, discussion, and possible action regarding Greenhorn Housing Project*.

There have been some meetings with SPUR Foundation regarding fundraising for this project. In the last meeting it was discussed that we would enter into a contract with them. Chairman Gray has a contract proposal from SPUR that he has reviewed, and it looks good. He would like authorization from the Commission to sign the contract proposal. The terms of the contract are a goal of raising \$2.5 million, SPUR will be the recipient 501(C)3, charging \$3.6K a month for their services. We can request disbursements as long as they meet the purpose of our fundraiser.

MOTION: 10:55

Commissioner Michael moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the aforementioned contract with the SPUR Foundation for \$3,600 a month to serve and assist as the District's fiscal agent, to raise \$2.75 million for our Greenhorn Housing Project; seconded by Commissioner Engelmann.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann

NAYS: None

In meetings with Sallie Gillespie, the Executive Director of the SPUR Foundation, there have been discussions of creating a brochure of what we are doing and why. Commissioner Michael has created a draft brochure that both Sally and Chairman Gray have reviewed and added comments about. Commissioner Michael presented her draft brochure packet. The title of our campaign is Greenhorn Emergency Response Housing Campaign.

Key components of the campaign are:

Why have housing and what's the urgency? A possible tagline is 'Keeping them close and keeps you safer.' An important part of the narrative is that this will be completed quickly. In speaking with donors, they can be told 'Your generous donation to this project will deliver tangible housing results within six months.' We can talk about how the ZipKit homes are attractive and contemporary homes, and ready for installation, and we plan to bring in four in 2022, and four in the spring of 2023. Commissioner got pictures from the department's Facebook page for this draft. We need pictures of higher quality for the final product. We also need to produce a map of the district area, and photos of our firefighters in the new pumper tender. Another key part of our messaging is answering why do we need private dollars?

Our answer is that with this public money we can keep our rents affordable. We should have some simple bullet points for FAQs about the Fire District, as well as important information about the campaign. These brochures need to be completed in the next couple of weeks. Commissioner Michael asked if we should send the draft out to City staff for input, and Chairman Gray responded that we have a few eyes on it already, and a meeting this Friday to review this further. Do Walt or Mayor Hendricks have comments on this process? Too many other reviewers might complicate the process. Walt Femling commented that there is currently a lot of writing in this; how can we simplify it into typical brochure form? It should also include a map of the City of Sun Valley, since both the City and the District are fundraising and working on this project together. Keep it brief, less is more. Commissioner Engelmann agrees with Walt on this, less is more when creating materials like this.

Commissioner Michael requested to have Walt and the Mayor's comments by Friday morning at 9 am, by the next meeting with SPUR. Perhaps we have a small brochure for most people, and a larger addendum of informative material for major donors. Some donors are going to want to know all of the details of the District and the project, and we will have that information for them. Chairman Gray commented that Sally of the SPUR Foundation has commented that this is a very doable project, and they've already had inquiries about it. He has spoken with the Sun Valley Board of Realtors, and they are willing to donate and publicly support the project. Walt Femling and Chief Bauer will try and attend this week's meeting with SPUR.

Chief Bauer wants to make sure we also talk about the partnership with the City of Sun Valley and the District while continuing to work on this. It is likely that this housing will long term end up housing many of our own future full time staff. This will not only serve paid on-call staff, but also new full time staff in need of transitional housing. Chairman Gray said he believes Sally said the District should be lead on fundraising, since the City, as a larger entity, has the tax money to help pay for this. We are most definitely partners, and this partnership is key.

Commissioner Michael has some concern that Zip Kits, the home manufacturer we plan to order through. There is nothing on their web page advertising their work in Idaho, nor units that look like the ones we are planning to order. It is concerning because donors will do research on our project, and we do not want them going to a site that does not appear to match with what we are promoting. Commissioner Engelmann thinks we should be cautious about promoting Zip Kit homes. We can use their pictures, but we do not need to advertise them. Chairman Gray agrees, we don't want to make the company too busy to build our second phase of homes because of our own promotions. Commissioner Michael is ok with this. Closing the conversation about the brochure and working with SPUR, Chairman Gray wants to ensure the City does not take offense to his previous comments that we want the District to take the lead, because we (the District and City,) are great partners.

Our next topic on the Housing Project is a proposal from Butler and Associates. Chairman Gray would like authorization to sign and approve their proposal.

MOTION: 11:15 AM

Commissioner Michael moved to approve the Butler and Associates Engineering soil and foundation investigation for the Greenhorn Station residences; seconded by Commissioner Engelmann.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann

NAYS: None

Next, Chairman Gray asked about our contract with Zip Kit homes. Have we signed anything for the first four units? Walt Femling answered that the City advertised the sole source housing bid. We put it out for 14 days, and then the City can sign.

Mike Mattias, our hired architect for the project, commented that Butler will be very helpful to work in. There are holes that need to be filled in with structural fill. The units will be below the railroad behind the units, they will be very low profile. Commissioner Engelmann asked if neighbors in the area are being contacted, and Mike answered neighbors are being contacted through notices from the county. Chief Bauer said that him Chief Robrahn had not talked to neighbors directly in their homes, but one neighbor called the station and Rich was able to explain the project to them. There are 5 neighbors on Audubon Place. Chairman Gray asked if Chief Bauer or any of the firefighters would have time to go and knock on doors, and Chief Bauer said that he does not have the time, especially with Chief Robrahn being out of town. He also would not want to send someone out that does not have all of the information on this project, and would rather have us go through the public process that is already in place. Commissioner Michael believes that the public would like to hear from someone in person before they get a notice in the mail. Once we have the brochure completed, maybe a couple of the volunteer firefighters can sign up to go knock on some doors with a Commissioner one day before our expected August hearing with P&Z? Chairman Gray likes the idea of doing this as a courtesy, and then maybe some of these people will come to the meeting as advocates. Commissioner Engelmann commented that many of these residents do not live here all the time. Perhaps we could mail out something that says to call us for an in person meetup or answers. Chairman Gray would really like to have us go out there in person, and maybe even visit with some people in Golden Eagle.

Next topic is the Zion's Bank Loan offer.

Walt Femling is going to present the latest details of the Zion's Bank offer, but first wants to clarify updates on the ambulance district contracts. He has been very consistent with County Commissioners, who are also the Ambulance District (AD) Commissioners; the District and the City want a contract with the AD. We cannot independently provide EMS services without the approval of the City of Ketchum until there is a contract. We are training our staff, investing our department's time and money, and should not need permission from the city of Ketchum to operate. Walt has made it clear to the AD that we are all disappointed that the ambulance has been moved from Greenhorn. It does not make any sense that the qualified staff at Greenhorn were not allowed to drive the ambulance. If we can be recognized and authorized by the AD to provide EMS services, we can also assist different departments on their calls by responding from Greenhorn. This additional Greenhorn housing is how we get a response out of Greenhorn. If we hire paramedics, we will most likely house them at Greenhorn. We are paying for all of the staff training, even though the AD should be reimbursing us, like they do with all of the other departments. Walt has been at several AD meetings, and has been consistent that we want a contract, and he is going to continue to be consistent with them. Chairman Gray feels exactly the same way. When Walt makes his appeals, who is it to? Walt has talked to the commissioners, Angenie

McClearey, and Mandy Pomeroy. At the upcoming AD meeting on the 16th, Walt will continue to push this. To clarify, Chairman Gray asked, if District Commissioners meet with AD Commissioners, the message should be that we want recognition and the ambulance. Walt answered yes, and the District Commissioners can make phone calls to County Commissioners.

Walt explained that the Blaine County EMS Medical Director and Ketchum get to write the contracts that our EMS can operate under, and tell us what to do. Even Gannet has an ambulance. Commissioner Michael says that we are not going to get an ambulance back at Greenhorn, based on the data presented at the last meeting about calls for ambulances being mostly around Ketchum. The AD, however, could fund us to equip and engine with ALS response and allow from response from Greenhorn Station. We should not go in circles right now with conversations about the ambulance. Walt agreed, saying that we need to get our foot in the door, and over time we can grow what we are able to respond to for EMS calls.

Walt Femling then gave the Commissioners an update on where we are with the Zion's Bank loan. Commissioner Michael has been involved in the meetings between Zions Bank, the City, and the District. The City and District gave Zions financial records that had been requested. Zions would prefer to do the loan with the City of Sun Valley, and then the District and City split the money and annual payments. In the latest meeting with the bank, the Bank confirmed that the City is approved for \$1.5 million. City and District money can then be kept on the sidelines, and this loan can pay for this first phase of the project entirely. They have offered us an interest rate of 3.84%, down from 4.19% two weeks ago. Depending on how our fundraising goes, this can all get paid off early without fees. The total annual payment due would be \$134,000, or \$67,000 per entity. This is not a large hit to the City or District's finances, considering the income of fundraising donations, and rents that will be charged to the tenants. It is a 15-year loan. Walt explains that the City needs the District's approval to move forward, and then he will approach the City Council at a City Council Special Meeting on the 20th. Then the bank can lock it in and move towards closing. Walt thinks that moving forward for the entirety of the \$1.5 million is a good plan so we know we have the funding we need for the project.

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Commissioner Michael moved to approve terms of the Zions Bank loan proposal for a loan amount of \$1.5 million, with a fixed interest rate of 3.84%, on a 15 year period, with a final maturity rate of September 1st, 2037, with the first semi-annual payment to be made on March 1st, 2023 ; seconded by Commissioner Engelmann.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann

NAYS: None.

Commissioner Michael says that we need to create a memorandum of understanding between the District and the City of Sun Valley. While we expect this partnership to continue in perpetuity, there may be unforeseen changes to the partnership, and that is why it is important to have a memorandum of understanding. Chairman Gray and Walt agree, and Walt says that he can ask the City attorney to start preparing one. Commissioner Engelmann asked if we own the Greenhorn property. Chairman Gray explained that we own a portion of it, and have a shared 99-year lease from ITD with the City for the new portion we are looking to develop.

Commissioner Michael asked, now that our applications have gone to the County, and we expect to receive \$1.5 million from Zions for the first phase of our project, when would we expect infrastructure work to start, and which money do we expect to use for that? Walt explained that once we get approval from the County, then we start infrastructure work right away with the \$1.5 million from Zions. This bank deal will close within 60 days. We want infrastructure completed for October delivery. Commissioner Michael says she has talked to P&Z staff, and August is the earliest we can get on the schedule. Chairman Gray asked if are we putting in all eight foundations, powers lines, sewer, etc, all at once. Mike Matthias answered that we should do infrastructure for all 8 units right away, with the second set of foundations next spring. The first units will go in on the south. Based on this information, Commissioner Engelmann asked what our status is on hiring a project manager. He was told that we have not hired anyone yet. We need to get bids and subcontractors lined up. Walt said that we have reached out to ARCH to use their project manager, but have not heard back from them on that. Commissioner Engelmann next asked if we should begin reaching out to local small contractors. It's not an overwhelming or complicated project, but it does require that someone is coordinators with the contractors and the builders. He will help in finding us a project manager. 1:40:53

Commissioner Michael commented saying that we will be lucky if we can get onto a P&Z agenda by August, let alone actually have our plans approved at that time. With other projects she is involved in, she knows that P&Z really has a lot on their plates. Blaine County Commissioner Fosbury has not even been able to get his own tiny home through P&Z, and it has been almost a year. Walt Femling commented that this is very disappointing to hear; if we take delivery of these homes in the fall and the infrastructure isn't ready, we will have to pay for winter storage of the units. Commissioner Michael will go back and check in with the Commissioners again, and also ask about our ARPA funds.

Commissioner Engelmann asks who is on P&Z now? How are they so backed up, and why are we waiting for them? Mike Matthias answered that we have applications in for a variance for zoning, scenic highway overlay, need to put in berms, and conditional use permits. There should not be any objections to this, as we already have a fire station and housing there.

Mayor Hendricks said that he is astounded that the Commissioners cannot put emergency list of proposals for first responder housing and emergency housing. These proposals should be getting priority. Commissioner Michael would like for Mayor to call chairman of county commission to get our housing on the list in an expedited manner. The Mayor will do that, as well as our own Chairman Gray.

Chief Bauer adds that this is a truly urgent situation. We only had two applications for our last highly coveted position of a full time firefighter with the SVFD. WRFD has only one application 1 application for their opening. These are well paid and well benefited position that we are not getting applicants for. We will not have responders if they cannot live here, and there will not be staff to respond to the public's emergencies. Chief Bauer will be there at Friday's fundraising meeting.

[7. Discussion and possible action regarding Fiscal Year 2023 Budget*](#)

Looking at the draft budget, Jocelin explained how it is presented and what different highlighted numbers mean. Chairman Gray asked, does our most updated budget include supplies for our new

engine? What about a budget to equip an engine for ALS response? Chief Bauer answered that we are looking to get ALS response equipment through our request with the County. We first need a contract with them, and only then can we use ALS equipment. We have money in the current fiscal year budget to equip our new engine. We can add a line to the Districts FY 2023 budget to add in money for ALS equipment, and Chairman Gray would like for that to happen, and see if we can still balance the budget. Walt says that we can budget for the equipment, it does not mean we need to spend the money.

Commissioner Michael and Chairman Gray requested to raise our advertising line to \$4,000. This would be to increase our name recognition and acknowledge our firefighters, not just advertise for the housing project. Again, we can put this money in the budget, but we don't have to spend it. Commissioner Engelmann agrees, we need to repeatedly put ads in the paper for people to see it and get name recognition.

Commissioner Michael would like revenue projections for our next meeting, to make sure we have a balanced budget. She knows we have had a lot of income from housing plan check fees. Chief Bauer commented that those have slowed down, as there is not a lot of land left in the district to develop.

Jocelin said that we need to add in the \$67K annual payment to the city for the Zions loan payments, and Chairman Gray said to add that into the line for Greenhorn New Housing, in addition to the \$375K already allocated for the project. Jocelin then explained that we now have the proposed budgets for salaries and benefits costs next years, matching the 8% increases that SVFD has requested from the City.

Commissioner Engelmann asked Chief Bauer if have we seen an increased or decreased participation from volunteers, and new volunteer interest? Chief Bauer answered that we have seen a decreased response, and that can be seen on departments all across the valley. The new people moving here are not the people that are going to be joining departments as volunteer firefighters. Even more reason we need housing to bring the right people in.

Commissioner Michael commented that our the new budget additions bring our budget up to \$809K for FY 2023. We will look at this again next month.

8. Discussion: Old Business.

None.

9. Public Comment.

None.

10. Adjournment*.

MOTION

Commissioner Engelmann moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Michael.
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann

NAYS: None.

Chairman Gray declared the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.



James E. Gray, Commissioner/Chairman



Sarah Michael, Treasurer